

Abstract

An apparatus and method for centrally managing a number of network devices. The invention may comprise determining whether a device interface for each of the number of devices conforms with a standard interface. In the event the device interface does not conform to the standard interface, it may first be translated to conform thereto. As such, the device may be managed according to the standard interface. Managing the device may include, for example, monitoring the device, alerting an administrator in response to an event, obtaining device attributes, etc.